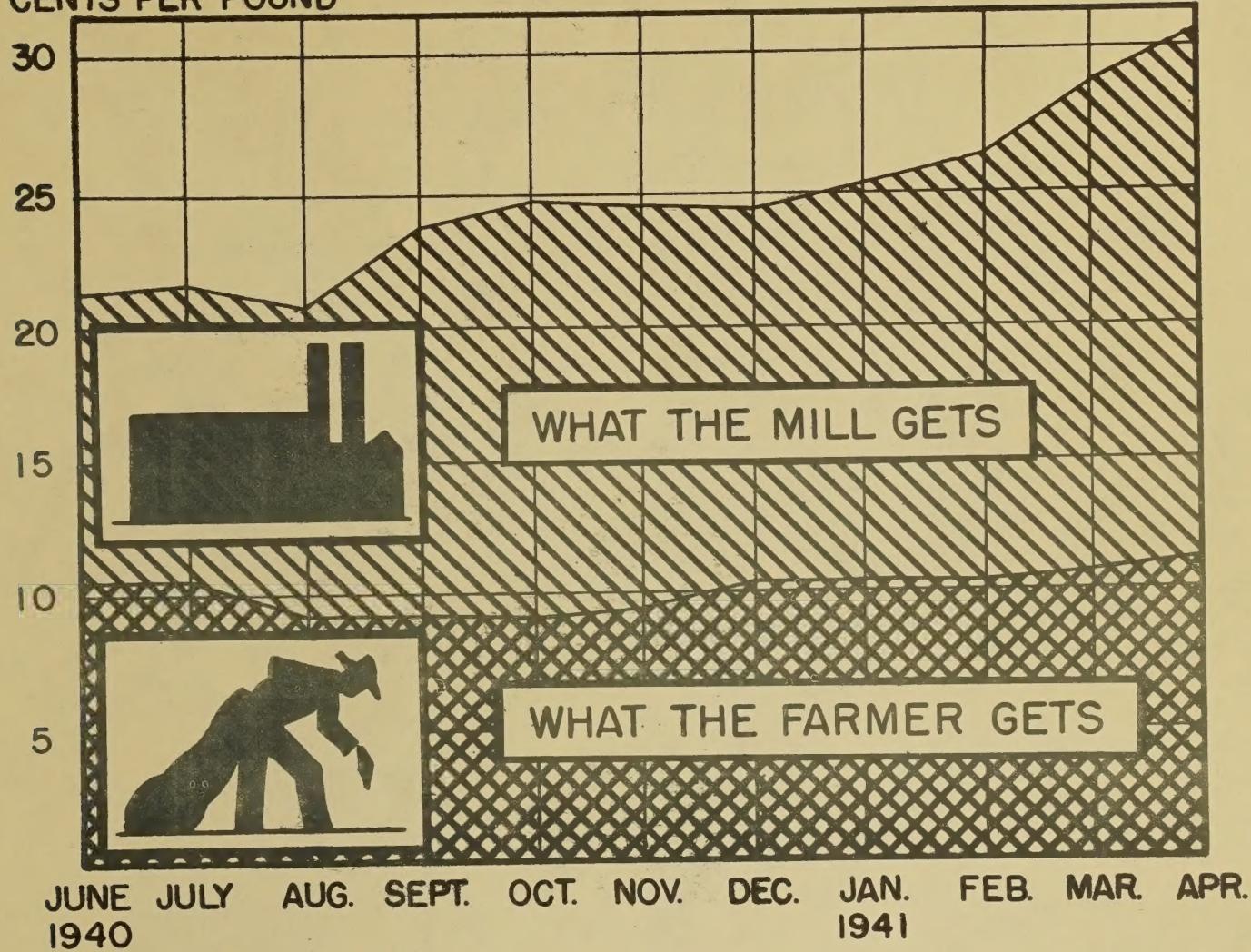


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## CLOTH PRICES RISE... but COTTON PRICES STAY DOWN

CENTS PER POUND



Cotton cloth prices have shown an almost steady increase during the past ten months, but the price of raw cotton has remained at about the same level. If cotton prices had increased during this period at the same rate as the mill margin, the cotton farmer today would be receiving about  $19\frac{1}{2}$  cents a pound. And cotton would be above parity for the first time since 1924.

In June, 1940, the average price of 17 common types of cotton cloth was 21.26 cents a pound. Of this amount, 10.58 cents went to the farmer for raw cotton, while 10.68 cents went to the mill for processing.

In April, 1941, the average cloth price had jumped to 30.96 cents. But the farmer was getting only 11.26 cents for his pound of cotton, while the mill was getting 19.70 cents. This was an increase of about 84 percent in the mill margin but an increase of only 6 percent in the price of cotton.

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